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SUBJECT: MONTHLY TRAVEL REPORT AUGUST 1984

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SOVIET EMBASSY TRAVEL

REQUESTS 62
AMENOMENTS 7

TRAVELLERS
-- EMPLOYEES 167
-- DEPENDENTS 151

TIME EXCEPTIONS
-- REQUESTED 3
-- GRANTED 1

CLOSED AREA EXCEPTIONS
-- REQUESTED 2
-- GRANTED 2

NOT REGISTERED 2

ROTN 0

3. THIS MONTH SAW THE ARRIVAL OF A NEW TRAVEL CONTROL OFFICER AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY WHICH APPEARED TO BE CONNECTED WITH SOME NOTIFICATION PROBLEMS. ONE INCIDENT WITH A RATHER DISTURBING TWIST INVOLVED EMPLOYEE [REDACTED] AND THIRD SECRETARY [REDACTED] WHO REMAINED ONE EXTRA DAY IN NEW YORK AFTER THEY WERE SCHEDULED TO RETURN. AN AMENDMENT REVISING THEIR RETURN DATE TO WASHINGTON AND REQUESTING A TIME EXCEPTION WAS SUBMITTED POST FACTO. THE SOVIETS WERE INFORMED THAT TIME EXCEPTIONS COULD NOT BE APPROVED AFTER THE FACT OF A VIOLATION OF TRAVEL CONTROLS. THAT TIME [REDACTED] WERE ON THEIR WAY BACK.

[REDACTED] A TRIP TO BOOTHBAY HARBOR, MAINE BY COUNSELOR [REDACTED] AND FIRST SECRETARY [REDACTED] WAS NOT REGISTERED BECAUSE THE TOWN IS IN A CLOSED AREA AND NO CA REQUEST WAS MADE. THE SOVIETS, HOWEVER, TOLD THE U.S. HOST THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD MIXED THEIR TRIP, WHICH LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT THE TWO WERE NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN MAKING THE TRIP AT ALL. THE OTHER NOTIFICATION NOT REGISTERED INVOLVED A TRIP BY FIRST SEC [REDACTED] SECOND SEC [REDACTED] THIRD SEC [REDACTED] AND EMPLOYEE [REDACTED] FROM PIONEER POINT, THE SOVIET RECREATIONAL FACILITY ON THE EASTERN SHORE TO OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND, FOR WHICH TRAVEL FROM WASHINGTON IS CONSIDERED A FREE-MOVEMENT

ZONE. A TIME EXCEPTION WAS REQUIRED, BUT WHEN THE SOVIET EMBASSY WAS SO INFORMED, THE SOVIETS DECIDED NOT TO REQUEST ONE. (FYI OCEAN CITY IS ALSO IN THE FREE-MOVEMENT ZONE WHEN TRAVEL IS DIRECTLY FROM WASHINGTON, BUT NOT FROM OTHER LOCATIONS. THEORETICALLY, SOVIETS COULD HAVE GOTTEN AROUND PROBLEM BY COMING BACK TO WASHINGTON AND THEN TRAVELLING TO OCEAN CITY ALONG PRESCRIBED ROUTE.) THE CA REQUESTS APPROVED WERE FOR PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT [REDACTED] AND TASS CORRESPONDENT [REDACTED]

4. CONGEN SAN FRANCISCO TRAVEL

REQUESTS 9
AMENOMENTS 0

TRAVELLERS
-- EMPLOYEES 22
-- DEPENDENTS 14

TIME EXCEPTIONS
-- REQUESTED 0
-- GRANTED 0

CLOSED AREA EXCEPTIONS
-- REQUESTED 0
-- GRANTED 0

NOT REGISTERED 0

ROTN 0

5. ON AUGUST 24, SIXTEEN CONGEN PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS TRAVELLED TO LOS ANGELES IN TWO VANS. WHEN THE DEPARTMENT LEARNED THAT THE GROUP HAD NOT PICKED UP ITS TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION (HOTEL RESERVATIONS), THE GROUP WAS TOLD THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO RETURN THE NEXT DAY TO SAN FRANCISCO. SINCE THE TRAVEL NOTIFICATION ALREADY LISTED THE GROUP AS RETURNING THE NEXT DAY, THE IMPACT WAS SLIGHT. THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON THIS MATTER HAS BEEN REVISED BASED ON A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF POSTS' REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION. PR OR RECEIPT OF SUCH OFM TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED OF SOVIET TRAVELLERS, ALTHOUGH REQUIRED USE OF OFM TRAVEL SERVICE BUREAU WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED. VICE CONSUL [REDACTED] SELF-CANCELLED ONE TRIP TO LOS ANGELES. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TASS CORRESPONDENT FLYING SAN FRANCISCO TO MEXICO CITY, ALL OTHER TRAVEL WAS TO LOS ANGELES OR NEW YORK. SHULTZ

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